

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1107

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to recognize Rachel Hixson on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those outstanding educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry to provide the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Hixson of Griffith Elementary School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a beloved teacher who has been a positive influence on so many young lives, Ms. Hixson will be taking a much-deserved retirement this year after more than thirty-five years of service at Griffith Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Hixson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, a Special Education kindergarten teacher for the last sixteen years, Ms. Hixson began her professional career teaching second grade for one year before spending the next eighteen years as a kindergarten teacher; and

WHEREAS, respected and admired by her colleagues, she is a member and past-president of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, served on a number of school committees, and was elected "Teacher of the Year" at Griffith Elementary in 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Hixson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Rachel Hixson is a member of Dunlap Church of Christ, served as a City Commissioner for over nine years, is the president of the Dunlap Book Club, and stands as a Trustee for the Caney Fork Regional Library Board; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hixson exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Hixson truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Rachel Hixson our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.